



Jay Inslee
Governor
State of Washington

February 2, 2015

Ms. Eileen Sobeck
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
Attention: Mr. William Chappell

Dear Ms. Sobeck:

Please accept the following names, in priority order, as my nominees for one of the two obligatory Washington State seats to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC). Mr. John Henderschedt currently occupies this seat; by letter of January 30, 2015 (attached) he has resigned from his position effective on February 20, 2015.

Washington State has consulted with a broad range of commercial, recreational, and public constituents in seeking nominations to fill out the remainder of Mr. Henderschedt's term; the consultation list is attached. Particular efforts were made to recruit qualified women and minority candidates. In conjunction with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, we have evaluated each candidate's suitability and qualifications relative to the Magnuson Stevens Act and the 2015 Guidance Document, and have also determined that none of them are federally registered lobbyists. Based on my evaluations of each candidate's qualifications, I am recommending the following individuals in priority order:

- 1) Mr. Kenny Down:
Mr. Down is the President and CEO of Blue North Fisheries. Prior to joining Blue North in 2012, Down served as the Executive Director of the Freezer Longline Coalition, where he was a leader in the development of national policy supporting low impact fishing efforts, minimizing harmful effects of commercial fishing and supporting efforts at rational management of the fisheries. Mr. Down is a sitting board member of the Freezer Longline Coalition and the Alaska Longline Cod Commission, and serves on advisory boards of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, including the Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee. Mr. Down resides in Seattle, Washington.
- 2) Ms. Lorene A. Swanson:
Ms. Swanson is employed by Groundfish Forum, a consortium of trawl catcher-processors that fish for several groundfish species in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska, a trade organization that she has worked for since 2002. She has worked in the North

Pacific fishing industry since 1980 as an observer, crew, and supplier. Ms. Swanson served on the Council's Advisory Panel from 2006 through December 2014, much of that time as Vice-Chair. She also served on the council's Non-Target and VMS Committees. Ms. Swanson resides in Poulsbo, Washington.

3) Mr. Milton J. Bundy:

Mr. Bundy is a past member of the NPFMC from 1999 to 2008. He was President of Glacier Fish Company and is now a senior advisor; his company owns and operates three AFA trawl catcher-processors and is a minority owner and manager of four Amendment 80 trawlers, all of which operate in NPFMC waters. Glacier Fish Company is a partner with the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, one of several Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program groups. Mr. Bundy resides in Seattle, Washington.

While Mr. Down is my preferred candidate, I believe that each of these three candidates are well qualified to serve on the NPFMC and will support management values that promote resource conservation, habitat protection, and sustainable fisheries.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: Jim Unsworth, Director, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bill Tweit, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Attachment: List of Groups Consulted
Resignation letter from Mr. John Henderschedt

Enclosure: Nomination kits for Mr. Down, Ms. Swanson, Mr. Bundy

List of groups consulted regarding nominations for Washington obligatory seat currently held by Mr. John Henderschedt on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council – 2015 Nomination:

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers
Alaska Crab Coalition
Alaska Longline Cod Commission
Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association
Alaska Scallop Association
Alaska Seafood Cooperative
Aleutian Spray
American Seafoods
Arctic Storm Management Group
At Sea Processors Association
B&N Fisheries Company
Deep Sea Fishermens Union
Fishermen's Finest
Fishing Vessel Owners Association
Freezer Longliner Coalition
Groundfish Forum
Icicle Seafoods
Marine Conservation Alliance
Midwater Trawlers Cooperative
North Pacific Crab Association
North Pacific Seafoods
North Pacific Vessel Owners Association
Pacific Seafood Processors Association
Peter Pan Seafoods
Premier Pacific
SeaState, Inc.
Trident Seafoods
United Catcher Boats
University of Washington – School of Marine Affairs
US Seafoods
Washington SeaGrant